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# NEWS

## STAR STRUCK

# Country music star tours base

By Airman 1st Class Katie Hickerson  
Wingspread editor

Country-music fans young and old were excited to meet recording artist Big Kenny Alphin from the group Big and Rich as he toured Randolph Air Force Base last week.

In town for a concert at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Big Kenny scheduled a two-day tour of both Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases, experiencing life as an Airman in the U.S. Air Force.

"I love to fly when I'm flying with the best of the best," Big Kenny said as he addressed a crowd of fans at a social hour held at the enlisted club Feb. 7. "Airmen set the highest standards and reach beyond themselves to do things for their brothers and sisters. It's from the love in your hearts that stems excellence in all that you do. Thank you for an awesome warm welcome inviting my wife and me into your home, work, base and lives."

Big Kenny got a chance to get a "hands-on" feel of the daily lives of Airmen here. The tour

led him from the medical group to the altitude chamber, from the Airman's Dining Facility to the cockpit of a T-6 Texan soaring the skies over the base.

"The level of care and expertise from all levels and all disciplines here is simply amazing," Big Kenny said. "I got to see for myself all the hard work and dedication everyone has to their mission as Airmen."

When asked where his support for the Air Force stems from, this Tennessee native said, "My father, four of five of his brothers and several of my longtime friends served in the military. That really sparked an interest in me from the time I was young and has carried through to today."

"My job and philosophy is to inspire others," Big Kenny said. "It's not too different from the Air Force's, but today, you have all really inspired me."

"What I've learned in my time here at Randolph is that the work you all do here really transpires all worlds and jobs alike," he said. "I want to thank you for supporting our freedom."



Photo by Steve White

Aircrew life support wing trainer, Edward Scribner (left), 12th Operational Support Squadron, instructs singer Big Kenny on ejection seat control and function as well as what to do if he were to land in trees, water or power lines while he becomes familiar with the military free fall position.

# AFPC announces annual award winners



**Senior Airman**  
**Jennifer Booth**  
Airman



**Tech. Sgt.**  
**Lavenia Johnson**  
NCO



**Master Sgt.**  
**Carla Curry**  
SNCO



**Capt. John Zielinski**  
CGO



**Beatrice Esquivel**  
CAT I Civilian



**Ann Lacey**  
CAT II Civilian



**Brian Hunter**  
CAT III Civilian

# AEF system allows more time for deployment preparation

By David DeKunder  
Wingspread staff writer

Because the current Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycle started more than several weeks ago, most Team Randolph servicemembers have received their AEF ID cards and now have a good idea as to when they could be deployed.

Before the 20-month cycle started Jan. 15, most base active-duty personnel were assigned to an AEF and issued an AEF card by their unit deployment manager.

According to the "Installation

Deployment Officer Guide to the AEF," the AEF is the planned, systematic and organized way the Air Force presents forces to combatant commanders.

Capt. Farrah Schluter, 12th Flying Training Wing logistics readiness officer, Installation Deployment Readiness Cell, said most base servicemembers were issued an AEF card before the beginning of the year.

"Most servicemembers received their cards by Dec. 31, except those who are deployed," Captain Schluter said. "Those servicemembers will receive their cards as soon as they

come back from their deployment. Approximately 99 percent of the base has been issued a card."

Capt. Raul Padilla, 12th FTW Installation Deployment Readiness Cell installation deployment officer, said the AEF system allows servicemembers more time to prepare and plan for their deployment.

"The AEF cycle creates stability for servicemembers in terms of family life and planning," Captain Padilla said. "Since we are in a continuing state of deployment, we need to give our servicemembers the stability they need."

The purpose of the AEF card is to

make sure that all active-duty personnel know their window of opportunity for deployment, their career field battle rhythm and their current AEF cycle, Captain Schluter said.

Any servicemembers who have not been issued an AEF card should contact their UDM immediately she said.

For more information about the AEF card, contact the Installation Deployment Readiness Cell at 652-4033 or log on to <https://aefcenter.afpc.randolph.af.mil/aefidcard.aspx>. The AEF card can be printed from the AEF Web site.



# Team-building tradition continues with Combat Dining-In for 12th Flying Training Wing

By Robert Goetz

Wingspread staff writer

An Air Force tradition that dates back to the 1930s but has its roots in antiquity continues next week at Randolph.

The 12th Flying Training Wing Combat Dining-In, a team-strengthening event for active-duty and civilian personnel, takes place Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in Hangar 4.

Participants will have an opportunity to listen to remarks by a true American hero, retired Col. Ralph S. Parr, who fought in three wars and is the only American aviator to receive both the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross.

"The purpose of the dining-in is to unite the wing and build esprit de corps," said Capt. Dave Evans, 435th Fighter Training Squadron weapons officer and the 12th FTW's "Mr. Vice" for the event. "Col. [Richard] Clark's vision is to bring all 12th FTW assets, military and civilian alike, together in a fun yet educational environment that rewards people for all their hard work and reminds us that we are a service currently engaged in combat."

Strict uniform guidelines are relaxed at a dining-in, which allows servicemembers to wear desert camouflage uniforms, battle dress uni-

forms, Airman battle uniforms and flight suits.

"A combat dining-in is similar to a traditional dining-in, but has a few differences," said Capt. Benjamin Gilluly, 435th FTS A Flight commander and spokesman for the event. "It is less formal in both dress and decorum. Military members will be in their BDUs, DCUs or flight suits, civilians in casual attire. Good-natured, raucous humor can be expected throughout the event."

Price of the event is \$10 for all enlisted and civilians GS-10 and below and \$15 for all officers and civilians GS-11 and above. RSVP to Lt. Col. Jack Burns, 12th FTW director of staff, at 652-3704.

"The price of admission includes beer and barbecue and a chance to throw a few water balloons," Captain Gilluly said.

Captain Evans and Captain Gilluly both call the presentation by Colonel Parr "the highlight of the evening."

"Colonel Parr's unique combination of achievements spans three wars and 8,000 hours of fighter time," Captain Gilluly said.

Colonel Parr downed 10 enemy aircraft in seven weeks as an F-86 pilot near the end of the Korean War, earning the Distinguished Service Cross for one of those missions. He also served in World War II

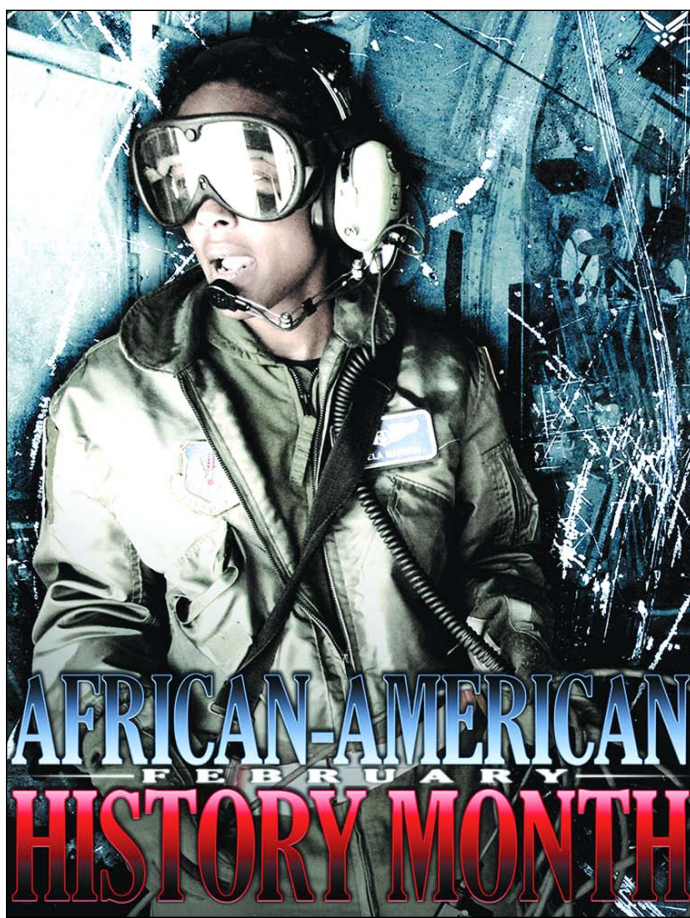
and the Vietnam War, receiving the Air Force Cross for his valor on a combat mission during the siege of Khe Sanh.

Colonel Parr served as a P-38 pilot in the Pacific near the close of World War II, then served two tours in Korea as an F-80 and F-86 pilot. He received the DSC for a mission on June 30, 1953. During that mission he shot down two MiG-15s while under attack by 10 of the aircraft and kept the enemy at bay while his wing commander, whose F-86 had flamed out, restarted his engine and returned to base.

Colonel Parr also distinguished himself in Vietnam, earning the AFC and serving two tours of duty. His fighter pilot career ended with 641 missions in three wars. He retired from the Air Force in 1976.

The origin of the dining-in tradition is unclear, but it was customary for warriors of ancient times to celebrate victories and the accomplishments of individuals and units with feasts. Later, monasteries, universities and the military adopted the custom. The British transported it to colonial America. The Air Force version of the tradition began with Gen. "Hap" Arnold in the 1930s.

"The combat dining-in is so incredibly important to the Air Force because it serves as a reminder of our nation's daily involvement in combat operations," Colonel Evans said. "It also allows us to not only recall but live our service's heritage. Finally, and perhaps most importantly to this particular piece of heritage, it allows folks to blow off some steam in a raucous environment while building camaraderie."



## Joint exercise



Photo by Steve White

Richard Hardy, an intelligence analyst with US Army North, creates an intelligence report as part of a command and control exercise Feb. 6. Randolph hosted the exercise, involving nearly 80 people from Ft. Sam Houston, as they prepare for National Level Exercise 02-08. ARNORTH will deploy a 70-person team to Fort Lewis and McChord AFB in Washington May 1-8 to command approximately 1,500 Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors as part of a joint task force.



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**Col. Richard Clark**  
12th Flying Training Wing commander



# COMMENTARY

## SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

**By Chief Master Sgt. Jack DeForrest**  
Air Education and Training Command  
First Sergeant

The T-38, tail number 68-8357, sitting in Hangar 4 probably still doesn't fit together very well. Don't get me wrong; it always flew its missions thanks to the excellent maintainers who work on it and skilled aircrews who used it. But 23 years ago when I was a staff sergeant and crew chief assigned to the 12th Operational Measurement Squadron, there was just something about the way the boattail lined up with the rear of the fuselage that gave us fits during installation. Some things will never change.

My journey with the Air Force began in July 1976. I've seen changes to the uniforms we wear, I've seen us prepare for and fight in different kinds of conflicts and I've seen bases that were once part of my everyday vocabulary now closed.

Like that cantankerous T-38, times change, but people never do.

People outlast equipment and, to me, developing Airmen is the most important investment we can make for the Air Force. Simply put, you can buy new equipment, but you have to scratch out a chief or general from new material over years of blood, sweat and sometimes a few tears.

I became a first sergeant in 1990 and have never looked back. I liked working with people even a little better than working with airplanes.

When you fix an airplane, it flies, but eventually something breaks again. If you can help a person, you fix their lives. The machines we Airmen respect so much can never appreciate our personal efforts.

With that in mind, we really need to recognize that anytime we're dealing with someone younger or less experienced, we each have the opportunity to develop our replacement. Invest the time to listen.

Share your experience, your advice, your perspective. Take the time to recognize the amazing potential in Airmen younger than yourself and

work to foster their success.

The best thing about the Air Force and its Airmen is that we are part of a proud legacy that is now more than 60 years old. I've called the Air Force "the Long Blue Line" for years, because the Air Force was here before many of us and will continue on long after weapons systems become outdated and people retire. Every Airman holds a special place in the line.

One of the best things I saw happen in my 30 years was when former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper capitalized the word Airman and made it a proper noun.

In my early years, being called "Airman" was almost derogatory for some people. It used to conjure up an image of someone at the bottom of the barrel, someone inexperienced, someone in trouble. I feel the Wright Brothers were the first American Airmen and I'm proud to be an Airman more than 100 years later.

And some things will never change.

## ON THE COVER

Country music singer, Big Kenny, celebrates after his orientation flight in a T-6A Feb. 6.  
(Photo by Steve White)

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## Doves reach nuisance level; base takes action

According to a letter to base housing residents from Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, the presence of thousands of roosting doves in the trees surrounding base housing has risen above nuisance levels. Their movements pose a danger to flight operations and introduce potential health risks to the Randolph community.

Using non-lethal pyrotechnic noisemakers, the Safety Office will attempt to discourage this wildlife population from roosting here. This

two-week initiative is scheduled to begin Tuesday. Officials say residents should not be alarmed to hear loud noises outside their homes twice a day beginning at 6:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., lasting approximately 30 minutes.

Bird strikes cost Randolph Air Force Base hundreds of thousands of dollars each year with damage ranging from minor repair to major catastrophes. Squadron supervisors constantly monitor conditions and adjust flight opera-

tions, resulting in training losses.

Health officials are also concerned about the potential exposure to diseases such as histoplasmosis, ornithosis and transmissible gastroenteritis from the concentrated collections of dove droppings.

To mitigate nesting birds in your location, bird feeders or birdhouses are not allowed on base. To scare away existing populations, residents are encouraged to try hinged clappers or other objects that make loud, cracking or clapping noises.





## News BRIEFS

### Retirees

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Richard Cavada and Chief Master Sgts. Jack DeForrest III and Fredrick Lee, Air Education and Training Command, on their retirements.

### Lane repairs

The inbound lane at the south gate will be closed for repairs starting Tuesday and ending Feb. 24. During the time crews are working on the lane, only one lane will be open for inbound traffic and no outbound traffic will be allowed.

### National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast takes place Feb. 27 at 7 a.m. at the enlisted club. Chad Hennings, an Air Force Academy graduate who was a member of the Dallas Cowboys, will be guest speaker.

### Anthropometric survey

Team Randolph aircrew members are needed for an anthropometric survey under way in Hangar 71. A team from the Air Force Research Laboratory, Human Effectiveness Directorate, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has brought a large 3-D scanner and will be on-site for several weeks up to a few months. The survey is the first large-scale measurement of Air Force aircrew in 40 years.

Call 652-6695 to volunteer.

### Use of Gore-Tex with ABU

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, reminds all Airmen assigned to Randolph who wish to wear a Battle Dress Uniform Gore-Tex or field jacket to wear them with a serviceable set of BDUs, not the Airman Battle Uniform.

Airmen are authorized limited wear of the BDU Gore-Tex or field jacket with the ABU, but only in "situations when operational and safety concerns dictate the necessity and no other acceptable uniform combination is available" as authorized by their commander.

### Military comptrollers

The Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers hosts its 60th anniversary Professional Development Symposium Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Service Center Region 20, 1314 Hines Ave., San Antonio.

For more information, contact an ASMC representative: Capt. John Coats at 652-9028, Jane Keller at 573-6702, Ellen Hester at 536-3311 or Rory Chapman at 725-8805.

### ROWWC

The Retired Officers' Wives and Widows' Club of San Antonio meets Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Schultz Nursery will give a presentation on container gardening.

Call 822-6559 for reservations.

### Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the 2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Wednesday. They are available in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and directly at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org), where they can be filled out on the computer and printed or printed and filled out by hand. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

### Pediatric dental patients sought

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry in the 59th Dental Training Group at Lackland Air Force Base is looking for patients between the ages of 6 and 10 in need of dental treatment. Patients selected must be capable of tolerating traditional in-chair dental treatment without sedation.

Interested parents of all eligible active-duty or retiree beneficiaries can contact Staff Sgt. Dianet Santos at 292-4072.

### Astronaut nomination program

Applications for the 2008 Air Force Astronaut Nomination Program must be postmarked by Feb. 25. Air Force members qualified to apply for positions as a NASA mission specialist astronaut or NASA astronaut pilot must submit an application to the Air Force Nomination Board

and initiate an application with NASA using the USA Jobs Web site.

Resumes can be prepared at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) or [www.nasa.jobs.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.jobs.nasa.gov).

Information regarding eligibility or application procedures can be found at the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

### Town hall meeting

Pinnacle Hunt Communities will hold a town hall meeting Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at the base theater. The meeting will provide an opportunity for information exchange between PHC and residents.

For more information, contact Brandi Kirkeby at 659-9061 or [bkirkeby@prmc.com](mailto:bkirkeby@prmc.com).

### Crews Into Shape

Feb. 28 is the deadline to sign up for the eighth annual Crews Into Shape challenge, which is planned for March 3-28. The goal of the event is to spark and guide workplace-focused, team-oriented physical activity and improved nutrition in the Department of Defense family. Top-scoring crews win T-shirts in addition to prizes from the Randolph Health and Wellness Center.

To register, go to [www.nehc.med.navy.mil](http://www.nehc.med.navy.mil) and follow the index link to Crews Into Shape.

Call 652-2300 for more information.



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# 12 EO offers mediation to resolve issues at lowest level

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force is a diverse force, yet, despite differences of background and belief, Airmen must work together to accomplish one mission.

Air Force culture calls for a resolution to problems at the lowest level possible. With the option of mediation offered by the Equal Opportunity Office, Team Randolph members have an avenue for dispute resolution.

Mediation is commonly referred to as Alternative Dispute Resolution and is a process that uses a trained individual, who acts as a mediator, to assist two or more disputants in reaching an agreement, thereby addressing disputes early and at the lowest level possible. Unlike a judge or other authority, the mediator does not decide the outcome, the disputers do.

Steven Goldman, 12th Flying Training Wing Equal Opportunity director, explains that barriers to problem resolution in the workplace often arise because of people's natural tendencies which work to escalate conflicts rather than resolve them.

"It is important to realize up front that we are all different. How we are raised and our life experiences determine how we view the world, which in turn influences our behavior, perceptions, actions and reactions," he said. "Sometimes we strive to convince others we are right and they are wrong or try to change their behavior."

Mediation is available to all Team Randolph members, military or civilian, and can be used to resolve workplace disputes in which an individual feels they were treated poorly or unfairly or if a personality conflict arises. Mr. Goldman said EO personnel will talk with the individual to ensure the issue is appropriate for resolution through their office.

"Some situations might not be appropriate for mediation, especially if it involves violations of the law or

the Uniform Code of Military Justice," he said. "The important thing to remember is if you want to file or respond to a complaint, you should contact the EO office within 45 calendar days of the incident."

During the initial interview, the EO counselor will advise the pursuer of their option to participate in ADR or an informal inquiry process. The mediation process can occur at any stage of the complaint process. If a case is appropriate for mediation and all parties agree to mediate the dispute, a certified mediator is contacted and will sit down with all parties involved.

According to Mr. Goldman, the mediation process is confidential. Parties can represent themselves or have representation present. However, anyone who participates in the mediation session should have the authority and ability to enter into an agreement that would resolve the dispute. Depending on the situation, mediation participants typically only include the complainant, respondent and the mediator.

"When people are emotionally triggered, it often becomes difficult to be objective," Mr. Goldman said. "Mediation is effective because the certified mediator brings objectivity and conflict management expertise to the table, provides a safe, neutral forum where individuals can more comfortably discuss their issues and empowers participants to seek solutions or settlement agreements that work best for them."

After both parties have agreed upon a solution to their problem, an Alternative Settlement Agreement is drafted. The settlement includes input from both parties and can be referred to in the future if situations arise.

"Mediation is a quick and inexpensive method to resolve disputes. One of the biggest goals is that parties reach their own voluntary agreement," Mr. Goldman said. "The process helps in situations that are



Mediation is not appropriate in all situations. Some factors that may make mediation inappropriate include:

- When a definitive and authoritative decision is needed as a precedent
- The matter involves significant issues of government policy
- The matter involves significant issues where it is important to maintain an established policy and avoid variation in implementation
- When a full public record of the proceedings is important
- When credible allegations or confessions of criminal activity such as fraud, waste or abuse are involved

often misunderstandings or miscommunications between individuals."

The EO ADR program is currently accepting applications from Team Randolph members interested in becoming Alternate Dispute Resolution Program mediators.

According to Mr. Goldman, future mediators must have the ability to remain as an impartial, neutral party, demonstrate patience and be committed to procedural fairness. They must understand the principles of allowing self determination of the parties and upholding confidentiality.

Mediators must be able to facilitate communication between disputants, they must be active listeners and have an interest in problem solving. Mediators must also be able to draft clearly worded settlement agreements.

Applicants will be interviewed and screened by a panel of subject matter experts. The selected applicants will attend Basic Mediation Training, after which they will be expected to perform mediator duties, on a collateral-duty basis, for the Randolph ADR Program for a minimum of two years.

All persons interested in applying can contact the EO Office to request the ADR Mediator Application Form. Applications can be submitted through base mail to 12 FTW/EO, Building 220, Attention: Steven Goldman, or sent electronically to: [steven.goldman@randolph.af.mil](mailto:steven.goldman@randolph.af.mil)

For more information on the mediation process or how to apply, call Steven Goldman at 652-3705.



## COMMUNITY

# Base children taught importance of proper dental care

By David DeKunder  
Wingspread staff writer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported an increase last year in the number of children who had tooth decay, so the Randolph Dental Clinic is doing all it can to make sure children know the importance of taking care of their teeth.

Throughout February, the base dental clinic will promote Children's Dental Health Month with the slogan "Attack plaque! Eat healthy, brush and floss daily!" The program promotes good oral health and hygiene for base children.

Staff Sgt. Ruby Castaneda, 12th Medical Group Dental Clinic non-commissioned officer in charge, preventive dentistry, said it is important for children to pick up good dental habits at an early age so they can have healthy, disease-resistant teeth for life.

"We want to teach children at a young age the importance of taking care of their teeth," Sergeant Castaneda said. "We want to teach them the reasons they should take care of their teeth. If we can get children to take care of their teeth, it can help prevent cavities and gum disease."

In a study issued in 2007, the CDC said that tooth decay in infants and preschoolers ages 2 to 5 increased by 15 percent from 1999-2004.

According to the CDC, while tooth decay is preventable, it is still the most common chronic disease of children ages 5 to 17, five times more common than asthma.

Children are not the only ones who will be getting the message about the importance of dental hygiene. Bi-monthly through the Bundles for Babies program, various dental technicians talk to pregnant women about their own oral hygiene to decrease their chances of periodontal (gum) disease, which has

been correlated to premature birth and low birth weight. Tips are also given to parents on how to take care of their baby's teeth and gums after birth.

On Feb. 7, 12th MDG Dental Clinic staff talked to 3- and 4-year-olds at the base Child Development Center.

"We wanted to make the experience fun for the children and expose them to the environment of being in a dental clinic, so we wore our scrubs," Sergeant Castaneda said.

Children's Dental Month activities continue on base with groups of Randolph Elementary School third-graders touring the dental clinic Feb. 19-20. The clinic is conducting the tours as a way to familiarize schoolchildren with dentists and their surroundings. Dental clinic staff will visit the elementary school Feb. 21-22 to give presentations and demonstrations on the correct ways to take care of teeth.

On Feb. 27 Sergeant Castaneda will read a dental-related storybook to children at the base library from 10-11 a.m. The event will include dental-related arts-and-craft projects to work on.

Sergeant Castaneda said children and adults who brush their teeth properly and have them checked regularly have whiter and stronger teeth, making for a nicer smile and better breath.

If parents do not take care of their children's teeth, the consequences will be bad for the child's health, Sergeant Castaneda said.

"By not taking care of your teeth, it can affect the rest of the body," she said. "If you get gum disease, it could cause a chronic infection that can harm you and spread to the rest of the body."

Sergeant Castaneda said children are prone to have cavities because they do not know how or have the capability to properly brush their



Photo by Rich McFadden

With the help of a toy animal, Staff Sgt. Andria King (center), 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron treatment coordinator, teaches a girl at the Child Development Center how to properly brush her teeth.

teeth on their own.

"Parents should supervise their children when they brush their teeth until about the age of 7 because children don't have the dexterity to do it correctly until about this age," she said. "Even children older than this should have parents check over their work to make sure they have done a good job."

The proper way for children and adults to brush their teeth is to hold their toothbrush at a 45-degree angle. People should then make sure to brush all surfaces of the teeth, both top and bottom, for two minutes, Sergeant Castaneda said. The sergeant said it is important that the tongue be cleaned as well because it holds a lot of bacte-

ria; going up and down with the toothbrush can clean the tongue.

Sergeant Castaneda said children can start flossing after or around the age of 7. Parents should teach their children how to floss properly, or get instructions from a dentist.

Parents should take their children to a dentist regularly, the sergeant said.

"When a child gets their first tooth, or at the age of 1 year old, parents should take them to a dentist to familiarize the child with the dentist and ensure the child is cavity free," she said. "By age 2 children should be going to a dentist from one to two times a year."

For babies who do not have

their first tooth yet, Sergeant Castaneda said parents should clean their gums with a wet cloth to prevent infection or inflammation.

Proper nutrition is another way to ensure that children have healthy teeth. Sergeant Castaneda said children should eat plenty of vegetables and fruits, drink plenty of water, stay away from foods with sugar, such as candy, soda and juice – including sweet, sticky "healthy" foods such as raisins – as much as possible because sugar can eat away at the tooth.

For more details, contact the dental clinic at 652-1846.



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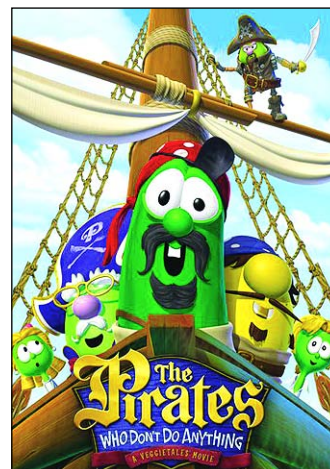


## "The Great Debaters"

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*A brilliant but volatile debate team coach uses the power of words to shape a group of underdog students from a small African-American college in the deep South into a historically elite debate team. A controversial figure, Professor Tolson challenged the social mores of the time and was under constant fire for his unconventional and ferocious teaching methods as well as his radical political views.*



## "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie"

Phil Vischer, Mike Nawrock  
Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.  
Rated G, 85 min.

*Three lazy misfits – very timid Elliot (Larry the Cucumber), lazy Sedgewick (Mr. Lunt) and no self-confidence George (Pa Grape) – dream of the day when they will put on a show about pirates. They soon find themselves traveling back in time to the 17th century and begin a quest to rescue a royal family from an evil tyrant and learn about being pirates.*

## Community BRIEFS

### RANDOLPH CHAPEL – 652-6121

#### • Chapel schedule

For a complete chapel schedule, including Protestant, Catholic and other religious services, visit [www.randolph.af.mil](http://www.randolph.af.mil) and click the "chapel" link on the right side.

#### • New Protestant schedule

The schedule for Protestant worship services, which are held in Chapel 1, has changed. These are the times for services and activities:

- 8:15-9:15 a.m. – traditional worship service
- 9:15-9:30 a.m. – parish fellowship in chapel center
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. – religious education in chapel center
- 10:45 a.m. to noon – inspirational worship service.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### • AAHM scholarship ball

The African American History Month Black and White Scholarship Ball takes place Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the enlisted club. Attire is formal and the cost is \$30 per person.

The event supports the '08-'09 High School Graduate Scholarship Fund.

For tickets, call Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Rhodes at 652-7161.

#### • Thrift shop closure

The Randolph Thrift Shop will be closed Monday for Presidents Day. The shop will open Wednesday for normal

business hours.

#### • Volunteers, donations needed

The Randolph Thrift Shop is seeking a volunteer cashier to work on Saturdays and donations of white packing paper.

Call 658-5990 or visit the thrift shop during its hours of operation on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon for consignments and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales.

#### • Chess tournament

A base championship chess tournament takes place March 1 at 9 a.m. at the enlisted club. The tournament is open to all active duty, dependents, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and retirees in five categories – youth 6-8, youth 9-12, youth 13-15, youth 16-18 and 19 and older. Active-duty participants have the opportunity to compete at the Air Force level.

To sign up or for more information, call Sharon Rector at 652-6508; deadline to register is Feb. 29 at noon.

#### • Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas is seeking adult volunteers to meet one-on-one with a child, serving as a mentor and a friend.

Community-based Big Brothers and Big Sisters meet with a child a few hours a month, sharing in simple activities they already enjoy. School-based Big Brothers and Big Sisters

visit a "Little Brother" or "Little Sister" on campus during the school day a few times a month.

For more information, visit [www.bigmentor.org](http://www.bigmentor.org) or call 225-6322.

### AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER – 652-5321

#### • A&FRC closures

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is closed Monday for Presidents Day and Thursday from 1-4:30 p.m. for monthly in-service training.

#### • Mandatory financial briefing

The mandatory personal financial management program seminar for first-duty-station officers takes place Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. at the A&FRC.

Topics will include the Air Force Aid Society and other financial referral sources, budgeting, checkbook management, credit management, credit scoring, state and county liability laws and San Antonio-specific information.

Call 652-5321 for more information.

#### • Financial seminar

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight Financial Readiness Program will present "Investigate Before You Invest!" Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the A&FRC.

The presentation will feature speakers from the Texas State Securities Board, a video on "What Con Artists Don't Want You to Know" and informa-

tion on Texas' top 10 list of investor traps, 10 tips to avoid investment fraud and The Texas Family Guide to Personal Money Management.

For more information or to sign up, call 652-5321.

### EDUCATION CENTER – 652-5964

#### • OTS Selection Board

Officer Training School Selection Board (non-rated only) will begin March 3. The estimated release date of March 7 has been changed to April 11. Applicants have until Wednesday to submit any corrections to their packages.

#### • CCAF

The cutoff date for the April Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony is Feb. 29. Interested Airmen must turn in all documentation on or before this date.

#### • Park University

Scholarships for the value of full tuition up to 15 academic hours are available annually at the Randolph Campus Center. Nonmilitary dependents of active-duty military personnel assigned, attached or residing in the vicinity of the campus center are eligible.

For details, e-mail [rand@park.edu](mailto:rand@park.edu). The deadline is Feb. 29.

#### • St. Mary's University

St. Mary's University's Randolph

office is closed next week for professional development training and reopens Feb. 25 at 8 a.m.

Call 436-3101 for assistance.

Currently enrolled students should note that St. Mary's e-mail accounts, blackboard and ATROX are now accessible through Gateway at [gateway.stmarytx.edu](http://gateway.stmarytx.edu).

#### • ERAU

Feb. 22 is the deadline to drop a course from the undergraduate distance learning term that began today.

For more details, call 659-0801.

#### • Wayland Baptist University

Registration is under way for Wayland Baptist University's spring term, which runs from Feb. 25-May 17.

Call 945-8379 or visit the Randolph office in Building 208 for more information.

#### • ACCD

Registration for the Alamo Community College District Spring 2008 Flex II session continues through March 7. View course offerings at Randolph on the Web at [www.accd.edu](http://www.accd.edu).

Visit the education center, Building 208, or call 659-1096 to register.

#### • Update information

The education office requests that all newly assigned personnel update their personal information.

For details, call 652-5964.



## Remember the Maine

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

### ACROSS

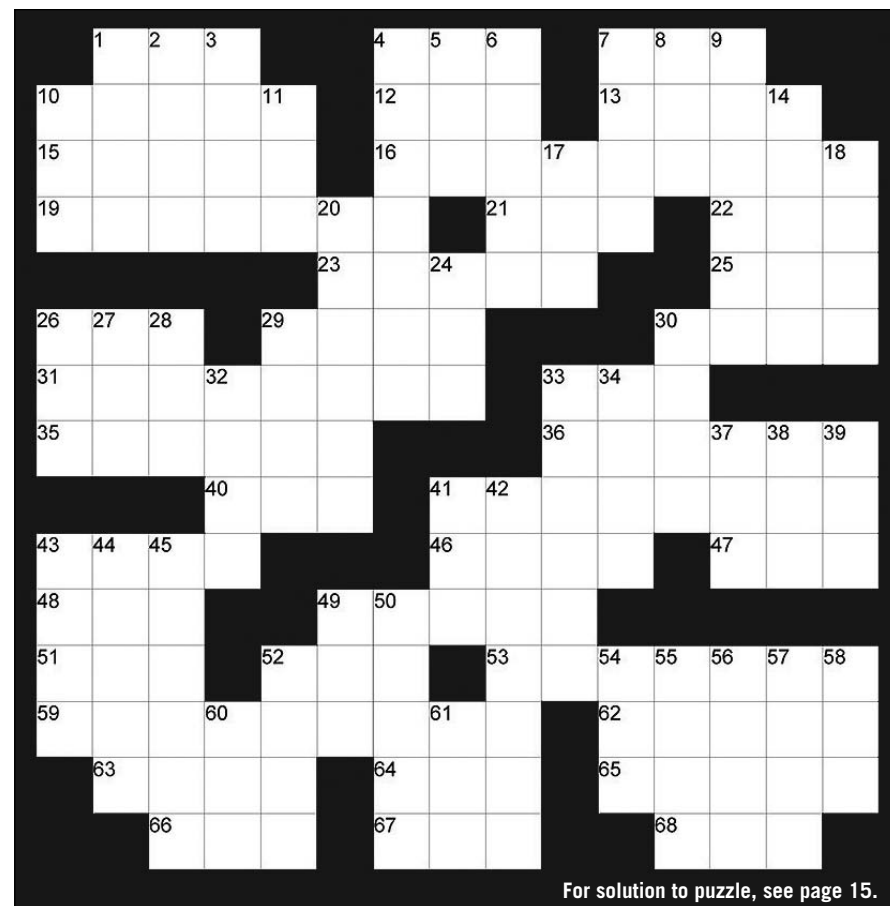
1. Health resort
4. USAF deployed unit
7. Op or deco
10. Freight
12. Exclamation expressing disgust, aversion or horror
13. Towel marker
15. More arid
16. Leader of 44 DOWN; led the charge up 53 ACROSS
19. Captain of the USS Maine on Feb. 15, 1898
21. A hasty escape; flight
22. Obstacle
23. Reduced or removed by or as by cutting
25. Fib
26. DoD counterpart
29. Flying object
30. KISS member Simmons
31. President who led war against 49 ACROSS
33. Premium cable channel
35. Music producer
36. Capable of producing crops
40. Powder holder
41. A mounted soldier; knight
43. Circle parts

46. Small portion of food or drink
47. Neither's literary partner
48. Yankee great Gehrig
49. U.S. opponent in the war launched by the sinking of the Maine
51. Device, person or enterprise that proves to be a failure
52. Into the Wild actor Holbrook
53. \_\_\_\_ Hill; site of bloodiest and most famous battle of war
59. Total or gross amount
62. Model Nemcova
63. Person who inherits the rank, title or position of another
64. Golf prop
65. Former silver coins of Spain and Spanish America
66. Toss
67. Terminate
68. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

### DOWN

1. Garment worn by Hindu women
2. Bluenose
3. Bronze and Iron
4. Precious
5. Hubris
6. Healthy
7. Attention getter
8. Gun the motor
9. Singing pitch
10. Music holders
11. Sphere
14. Destroyed; extinguished
17. Dejected
18. Oak or elm

20. Concluding part added to a novel
24. Marina del \_\_\_\_, Calif.
26. Mil. communication system
27. Fall month
28. I Like \_\_\_\_; 1952 presidential slogan
29. Joint
30. Objective
32. Bothers
33. Harbor where the USS Maine exploded
34. Boast
37. Box or enclosed place for storing grain, coal or the like
38. Zodiac sign
39. Mistake
41. Union opponent, in brief
42. Liquorice-flavored seeds, used medicinally and in cooking
43. M\*A\*S\*H star Alan
44. \_\_\_\_ Riders; Famous American unit in war
45. Short, thick stick used as a weapon; club
49. Droop
50. Food server



For solution to puzzle, see page 15.

52. Aromatic plants used especially in medicine or as seasoning
54. Nat'l talk radio outlet
55. Speak or shout derisively; scoff or gibe rudely

56. D-Day beach
57. A Guthrie
58. USN equivalent to a USAF base
60. \_\_\_\_ Grande
61. X, to Cicero

## BETTER PARENTING

# Workshop to help parents, children strengthen their relationships

By David DeKunder  
Wingspread staff writer

Teaching parents to control their emotions and make good decisions in raising their children is the focus of a workshop being offered by the Randolph Family Advocacy Program.

The Common Sense Parenting Workshop, a skills-based program that teaches parents techniques and strategies on being effective parents, will hold its first session Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Building 693.

The workshop runs for six weeks starting Feb. 19, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Space for the workshop is limited, so parents who are interested in participating should contact Mitzi Wood, Randolph Family Advocacy Program intervention specialist, at 652-3828 or at mitzi.wood@randolph.af.mil.

Ms. Wood said the workshop, for parents of children ages 4-18, covers a variety of topics related to parenting.

"The Common Sense Parenting Workshop covers

topics such as positive discipline versus punishment, setting reasonable expectations for your child and learning how to stay calm, because a lot of the things parents in abusive situations is because they are not calm," Ms. Wood said. "We want to prevent parents from abusing their children through education."

Janet Doyle, a parent educator with Antioch Community Transformation Network in San Antonio, will be teaching the workshop sessions.

The workshop addresses the communication, discipline and decision-making skills parents need to have in raising their children, Ms. Wood said.

"We teach parents how to listen to their children," she said. "Children need to express themselves to their parents so they can become sociable people and independent thinkers. By teaching children this, it will help them relate to their peers and teachers at school."

Ms. Wood said the workshop teaches proactive strategies and skills parents can use in effectively raising their children.

"We emphasize using consequences to correct

negative behaviors and praise to teach and encourage positive ones," she said. "For example, if a 15-year-old stays one hour after curfew, a negative consequence for him or her would be to come home earlier the next time; something would be taken away or limited for the child. A positive consequence would be if a child cleans out their room, they would get to do something they like.

"Parents learn how to set and reach goals for themselves and their children with charts and contracts," Ms. Wood said. "We go over how parents can teach their children to remain calm in difficult situations and make decisions and solve problems on their own."

Ms. Wood explained that parents are encouraged to fully take part in the sessions, especially if they have questions about the topics that will be covered.

"The presentations will be interactive," she said. "If parents have a concern about something, the presenter in class can bring up suggestions to help solve the problem based on the Common Sense Parenting principles."



## FEATURE

# U.S. Air Force Honor Guard trainers help installation teams hone their skills

By Robert Goetz

Wingspread staff writer

One of the armed services' most hallowed traditions is the honor guard, the unit whose primary function is to render military honors at the funerals of veterans, active-duty and retired servicemembers and dignitaries.

The duties its members perform must be carried out with consistency and precision.

To ensure that installation honor guards maintain those qualities, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., sends a training team to bases throughout the year. The Air Force Honor Guard is the service's official ceremonial unit, responsible for funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery.

This week honor guard members from Randolph and four other Air Education and Training Command bases, one Air Force Reserve unit and one Air National Guard unit completed their periodic training in Hangar 4 here under the watchful eyes of the Mobile Training Team.

"The Mobile Training Team makes sure every honor guard follows standardized military funeral honors so it's consistent across the Air Force," said Tech. Sgt. J.J. Krawietz, NCOIC, Randolph Honor Guard.

The training serves several purposes. "This training will help our team increase their knowledge and skills," Sergeant Krawietz said. "Those that are here will become trainers and share their knowledge. It's also a strong refresher course. They're sharpening skills they have already learned."

Staff Sgt. Shannon Prentiss, assignment NCO at the Air Force Personnel Center and an honor guard member since July, said the training helps participants perform their duties at a higher level.

"We're learning more detail and how to make our movements more precise," she said. "It's challenging to learn from these trainers. They inspire you to make sure that everything is perfect. They make us better at what we do."

Sergeant Prentiss said it's the "small, specific things" that help honor guard members improve their performance.

"There are so many small movements that add up to a complete procedure," she said. "Everything's set at a higher level. We're lucky to have this."

The training also poses a physical challenge to participants. Pushups are a common sight.

"It's more physically demanding than

what we're used to," Sergeant Prentiss said.

The honor guard consists of three elements: the color guard, which displays and guards the U.S. flag, Air Force flag and flags representing the offices of visiting dignitaries and other nations; body bearers who escort and carry flag-draped remains to burial sites and fold the flag for presentation to a family member; and the firing party, seven-man teams that fire three volleys in unison.

Trainers at the sessions, which began Feb. 4, represented all three elements – Tech. Sgt. Toby Farr, pallbearers instructor; Staff Sgt. David Little, firing party instructor; and Staff Sgt. Alex Frizzo, colors instructor.

Thirty-four honor guard members from Randolph, Lackland, Laughlin, Altus and Sheppard AFBs, the 433rd Air Force Reserve Unit in San Antonio and the 147th Air National Guard at Ellington Field took part in the training.

Sergeant Krawietz said the 14 Randolph Honor Guard members were chosen for their "experience and longevity."

"They are some of the best of the best of Randolph," he said.

Sergeant Frizzo, formerly an honor guard member at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., said he was impressed by trainees' enthusiasm.

"The training's been great," he said. "Their motivation to do the job pushes me to do my job better."

Sergeant Krawietz said the Randolph unit, which requires 66 members and includes three flights, performs about 400 funerals per year in an area from Brownsville to north of College Station and east of Beaumont. The honor guard formerly handled ceremonies at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, but that responsibility now belongs to the Lackland unit.

Members commit 18 months to the voluntary duty, but may sign up for additional time. During the time of their commitment they are on duty for 30 days, off duty for 30 days and on standby for 30 days.

Sergeant Krawietz said the time allocation benefits the Randolph Honor Guard, allowing

even the youngest members to gain experience quickly.

"We have airmen first class who are in charge of details," he said. "They have the experience to be able to handle any situation that may come up."

Sergeant Krawietz said honor guard is an additional duty, but the cooperation of members' supervisors at their everyday duty station allows the program to function smoothly.

"Hats off to their supervisors to allow them to come here," he said. "This is all they have to focus on during that time. They're out of their duty section and can concentrate on performing these skills."

Sergeant Krawietz said participation in an honor guard, though mentally and physically demanding, is an awesome responsibility.

"The impact we have at those funerals is tremendous," he said. "It's always humbling to honor the memory of those who have come before you. The funeral is their last official ceremony, so we have to honor them with dignity to make sure it's a lasting memory for their loved ones."

Sergeant Prentiss said she tries to place herself in the shoes of the family of the loved one who has died.

"I try to make what I do good enough for them so that it leaves a lasting impression," she said. "The compliments we receive from family members make everything we do worth it. It gives you a lot of pride."

A standardized service is important because the bereaved only see the Air Force in the honor guard, Sergeant Krawietz said.

"They don't know where we're from," he said. "For the family, it's the Air Force that shows."



Tech. Sgt. Angel Portillo Lopez (left) and Staff Sgt. Arthur Trimble (right), of Sheppard Air Force Base, help fit Senior Airman Anjali Sharma from Randolph into a flag harness for Color Guard training.



Master Sgt. Richard Bennett (center), from the 433rd Air Lift Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, salutes the flag as his funeral detail prepares to fold the flag in a demonstration of their learned skills.



Col. Howard Seid (center), 433rd Air Lift Wing commander, accepts a folded flag as the next of kin, presented by Master Sgt. Richard Bennett, which represents a fallen servicemember in a ceremony to close a week and a half of specialized training.



Honor Guard members representing all Air Education and Training Command bases throughout the Air Force demonstrate their expertise on firing party detail at their graduation ceremony here Wednesday.



# SPORTS and FITNESS

## CREWS INTO SHAPE

# Challenge focuses on physical activity, nutrition

By Robert Goetz

Wingspread staff writer

Team Randolph members will soon have an opportunity to compete against personnel from all the armed services in a challenge that encourages wellness.

Crews Into Shape, an event sponsored annually since 2001 by the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, takes place March 3-28. The challenge, held in conjunction with national Nutrition Month, promotes workplace-focused, team-oriented physical activity and improved nutrition throughout the Department of Defense.

Crews from Randolph competed for the first time last year, when four teams were entered in the challenge.

"We'd like to have a lot more than that this year," said Jennifer Sides, registered dietitian at the Health and Wellness Center, which helps promote the event. Feb. 28 is the deadline to register. "We tried it out last year, and it was easy to participate because it's Web-based. We decided to do it base-wide this year."

Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, credits the HAWC team for bringing the challenge to the health promotion working team's attention.

"Crews Into Shape is a team-oriented program that focuses on nutrition as well as exercise," she said. "The program is fun, rewarding and easy since it's online."

The challenge consists of two- to 10-member teams, or crews, who earn points for meeting daily goals of eating five servings of fruits and/or vegetables, exercising 30 minutes, drinking water and other healthy fluids and achieving a weight-loss goal.

Members also earn extra points for participating in a weekly crew activity, registering at [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov), turning in a weekly worksheet to their crew leader on time and completing a post-Crews survey; crews earn extra points if all members reach certain goals. The crew leader is responsible for submitting worksheets to the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center.

Crews that earn the most points will win T-shirts; the challenge also features a "Crewsineest Crew" name contest. Ms. Sides said prizes will be awarded at Randolph as well.

The HAWC team is busy promoting the challenge to meet the Feb. 28 deadline.

"We're sending the word out to all the first sergeants, physical training leaders, commanders and fitness groups," said Lori Tibbetts, HAWC health education program manager. "At the Mission Support Squadron, 30 people have already registered. I'd like to see a team from each group."

Both Ms. Sides and Ms. Tibbetts agreed that many active-duty personnel are physically fit and watch their weight but find proper nutrition a challenge.

Still, a 2006 survey showed that 61 percent of active-duty members over 20 years old were overweight and only 10 percent ate three or more serv-

ings of fruits and vegetables per day. Furthermore, only 61 percent exercised at a moderate rate, defined as 30 minutes three times weekly.

But the challenge appears to be reaping dividends. Last year, nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Soldiers, family members, Department of Defense civilians and DoDDS teachers registered for the challenge. Almost 60 percent of the participants who completed the post-challenge questionnaire said they met their weight-loss or weight-gain goal; most said the challenge helped them improve their daily habits regarding exercise, fruit and vegetable consumption and water intake.

Colonel Van Ovost said she would like to see Team Randolph members "have fun" with the program but also transform their lifestyles.

"We want to 'show off' our teams and make positive and enduring lifestyle changes for our co-workers and families," she said. "Better nutrition and fitness is a daily endeavor, and programs such as 'Crews Into Shape' will be key to achieving our goals."

Colonel Van Ovost said the challenge will also boost esprit de corps at Randolph.

"The competition will build camaraderie amongst work center personnel, both those participating and those supporting the team's goals," she said. "It will also build lifestyle changes that will endure beyond March, benefiting the members and their families."

For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300 or visit [www.nehc.med.navy.mil](http://www.nehc.med.navy.mil) and follow the index link to Crews Into Shape.

## Ro-Hawks declaw Wildcats to earn playoff spot

By David DeKunder

Wingspread staff writer

After ending the regular season with a win over the Yorktown Wildcats, the Randolph Ro-Hawks boys basketball team is gearing up for the playoffs.

The Ro-Hawks clinched the third and final playoff spot in District 29-2A with a 70-29 win over Yorktown Feb. 12 at RHS gym. Randolph was in control for most of the game, taking a 42-16 halftime lead and outscoring Yorktown 28-16 in the second half.

Mark Hopkins scored 26 points and D'Mario Noble 10 to lead Randolph.

Randolph, 16-12 overall, 10-4 in district, beat out Karnes City by one game for the final playoff spot and starts first round playoff action Monday or Tuesday against the second place team in District 30-2A, which at press time was expected to be San Antonio Hawkins.

Before beating Yorktown, the Ro-Hawks lost to the Navarro Panthers 75-60 Feb. 8 in

Geronimo. Navarro, the district runnerup, led 39-30 at halftime and was able to withstand a late Randolph rally in the second half. The Panthers, who beat Randolph earlier in the year, swept the two game series from the Ro-Hawks.

"Navarro was a tough matchup for our guys because they are big, athletic and they shoot the ball well," Randolph coach Tim Gendron said. "They have a lot of weapons and their coach has done a real good job with his guys against us."

Late in the fourth quarter, the Ro-Hawks rallied from a 12-point deficit to get within six, 64-58, with 2:41 left in the game, but the Panthers found a way to pull away.

"Navarro made some big shots and we, unfortunately, did not," Gendron said. "I was proud of our guys. They played hard and came back to give themselves a chance."

Hopkins scored 26 points to lead all Ro-Hawk players against Navarro. Noble chipped in 13 points while Kyle McNally and Julius Rivera added eight each.

## Randolph swimmers finish eighth at regional meet

By David DeKunder

Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Ro-Hawks boys swim team finished eighth at the regional meet held Feb. 8-9 at Palo Alto Natatorium in San Antonio.

The Ro-Hawks competed against 11 teams at the meet with Boerne and Austin Lake Travis taking the top two spots with 148 and 138 points, respectively. Randolph finished with 21 points.

Randolph's best individual showing came from junior Cole Gindhart, who finished third in the 200-yard individual medley. Gindhart, who won four medals at the District 28-4A meet three weeks ago, also placed sixth in the 100-yard backstroke.

As a team the Ro-Hawks finished sixth in both the 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays and 10th in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Gindhart came up short in making his second consecutive trip to the state meet, which will be held Feb. 22-23 in Austin. The winners in each race advance to state. Since Gindhart is a junior, he will have one more chance to go to state as a senior next year.

Seven Randolph swimmers participated at the regional meet. The Ro-Hawks advanced to the regional meet after winning their third consecutive district title, which they also accomplished at Palo Alto, three weeks ago.



# Randolph to face new schools in realigned Hill Country district

By David DeKunder  
Wingspread staff writer

For the next two years, Randolph High School athletic teams and their fans will get to know the Hill Country really well.

On Feb. 1, as part of its athletic district realignment, the University Interscholastic League put Randolph in District 27-2A, which is made up of four schools from the Hill Country and three from San Antonio. Randolph will compete in the new district during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years.

Every two years the UIL realigns the districts and puts high schools in different classifications, A to 5A, based on the number of students each school has.

District 27-2A consists of Hill Country schools Blanco, Comfort, Harper and Johnson City, San Antonio Cole, Randolph and a new school, San Antonio Brooks Academy, which will begin playing varsity sports for the first time in the fall.

Randolph head football coach and athletic director Pete Wesp said the new district has schools with strong all-around athletic programs, some of which the Ro-Hawks have faced before.

"All of the schools have good winning traditions," Wesp said. "Harper and Johnson City are coming up

from Class A where they were successful. In football, we have played Cole regardless of whether they were in our district or not."

Harper and Johnson City move over to District 27-2A from District 28-A, which includes Hill Country schools Center Point, Leakey and Medina, while Blanco and Comfort come from a West Texas region-based district.

For the last two years, Cole was in District 30-2A, which consisted of South Texas schools Cotulla, Dilley, Jourdanton and Natalia and San Antonio schools Gervin and Hawkins.

Previously, the Ro-Hawks were in a district with Cole that included Hill Country schools. When the district lines were realigned in 2006 — putting Cole in another district — the Ro-Hawks continued to play Cole, their Fort Sam Houston Army rival, in non-district football; but not in boys basketball, where both teams have always had a competitive rivalry.

With the new realignment the Ro-Hawks boys basketball team will be able to renew their rivalry with Cole for at least the next two years.

Randolph is currently in District 29-2A, which is made up of South Texas schools Karnes City, Kenedy, Nixon-Smile, Geronimo Navarro, Poth, Stockdale and York-town. Those schools will remain together in newly formed District 28-2A, except for

Yorktown, which drops to Class A.

When it comes to UIL realignment, Wesp said the Ro-Hawks had two choices, staying with the schools in the South Texas area or going to the area Randolph eventually wound up at — the Hill Country.

The new District 27-2A will not force the Ro-Hawks to travel any farther than they presently do in their current district, Wesp said.

"The travel distances will be about the same," he said. "We will be giving up Yorktown and taking in Harper, so there is not much difference in terms of travel."

A big question among the District 27-2A schools is whether Brooks Academy will compete in football this fall. If Brooks Academy does not have a football team, it will affect district schedules among the remaining schools.

"I am hoping Brooks Academy will be able to play football, or we and the other district teams will end up with two open dates during the season," Wesp said.

Now that the Ro-Hawks know what district they will be in next season, Wesp released the Ro-Hawks' non-district football schedule. The Ro-Hawks open the season against Marion, play Ingram Tom Moore and then go up against former district rivals Karnes City and Navarro.



**Rambler Fitness Center Holiday Hours**  
**Washington's Birthday, Feb. 18**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

## Sports BRIEFS

### Golf tournament

The golf course is hosting a Presidents' Day Tournament on Monday. The tee times are from 7-9 a.m. and there is a \$10 entry fee. Sign up now.

### Special twilight pricing

Regular twilight pricing begins at 1 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$14 per person.

Super twilight pricing begins at 3:30 daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$10 per person.

### Tee times

Golfers should sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance.

Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active duty members to qualify for a priority tee time.

To sign up for weekend tee times, e-mail to [tee.time@randolph.af.mil](mailto:tee.time@randolph.af.mil).

### Racquetball courts

Due to improper installation, the fitness center racquetball courts are scheduled to be closed for repair. Court one will be closed Feb. 25, the remaining two will close Feb. 26. All courts will close Feb. 27 through March 7.

### Basketball court closed

The Rambler Fitness Center basketball court will be closed Feb 15-18 for refinishing of the floor. Additionally the indoor running track will also be closed during this time.

### Tennis courts

Tennis courts 1 and 2, which are located behind the fitness center, are closed for repairs.



## 12th Services Briefs

### AUTO SKILLS CENTER – 652-5142

#### • Maintenance class

Auto skills offers a two-session automotive maintenance class March 4 and 11 from 6-8 p.m. Participants learn to change oil, rotate tires and complete a brake job. Cost is \$45, plus supplies. Sign up by Feb. 26.

### BOWLING CENTER - 652-6271

#### • Presidents' Day bowling special

Commemorate Presidents' Day on February 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. with a special price of \$1.75 per game, per person and shoe rental of \$1.50.

### ENLISTED CLUB – 652-3056

#### • Exceptional lunch program

The enlisted club offers super lunch deals from buffets to special sandwiches such as a Chicken Santa Fe sandwich and Souvlaki Pita.

You not only get a great lunch at an excellent price every time you eat at the club but between now and February 29 you can enter to win a 2008 Sea World season pass. The drawing is March 3.

Pick up a lunch punch card, get a free lunch for every eight lunches you purchase and enter to win a 2008 Sea World season pass. An unbelievable deal!

#### • Best boots and best hat contests

On Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. the judges will pick one winner from each category. Each winner receives a complimentary lunch for four to the BBQ buffet on Wednesdays.

### FITNESS CENTER – 652-2955

#### • Basketball court closed

The fitness center basketball court will be closed today through Monday for refinishing of the floor.

#### • Advanced Strength Training Class

Join the advanced strength training class on Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn advanced strength training techniques which emphasize muscular strength, enabling you to develop a program to meet your goals.

### GOLF COURSE

#### • Driving range

Need to warm up before your round or just want to practice your swing? Buy a full basket of balls for only \$4 or a half basket for \$2. What a great bargain; off base you pay an average of \$8 per basket of balls.

Or even better, stop by the Pro Shop to purchase a debit key and get 20 baskets for \$60; an \$80 value!

### INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL – 652-5640

#### • Texas Treasure Casino trip

ITT has planned another full day of fun gambling along the Corpus Christi coastline on April 5. In addition to gambling, you can enjoy a show in the lobby or partake of the wonderful international buffet.

The bus departs from ITT at 7 a.m. and returns approximately 9:30 p.m. The cost for this package is \$35 per person, which includes round trip motor coach transportation, an international buffet and live entertainment. You must be over 21 years of age and have a picture ID.

### LIBRARY – 652-8901

#### • Book discussion

The library is hosting discussion of the book "To Kill A Mockingbird" on March 15 at 2 p.m. followed by a screening of the movie.

When you sign up you will receive your own copy of the book so you can read it at your leisure prior to March 15. Sign up now because group size is limited.

#### • Children's story hour

During February there will be special guest readers in celebration of African-American History month. Story hour is every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

### OFFICERS' CLUB – 652-4864

#### • Excellent lunch deal

Treat yourself to a hot, freshly prepared lunch buffet, scrumptious salad bar, drinks and assorted desserts for an unbelievable \$6.45 (members). Non-members can take advantage of the all inclusive buffet for only \$2 more. You not only get a great lunch at a super price but every time you eat at the club between now and February 29 you can enter to win a 2008 Sea World season pass.

All DoD ID cardholders and their guests are invited to dine at the club. Great food, great prices!

#### • Dinner special

Buy one entrée and get the second entrée (of equal or lesser value) for half price.

### WOOD SKILLS CENTER – 652-5142

#### • Beginner's woodworking class

The wood skills center offers a two-session woodworking class March 4 and 11 from 6-8 p.m. Participants learn the basics of woodworking and are certified on the equipment in the facility.

The cost is \$45 plus supplies and the sign-up deadline is February 26.

### YOUTH CENTER – 652-3298

#### • Spring break camp registration

Registration takes place through March 2 for the Spring Break Camp for youth in kindergarten-6th grade. Fees are based on total family income.

# Feel the Power!

**Power Yoga is a vigorous class that offers a challenging workout for building strength, endurance and body awareness.**

- Lengthens and strengthens muscles
- Builds strength, stamina and lean muscle mass
- Creates a heightened state of awareness of the workings of your body

**Every Monday from 11 a.m. - noon and  
 Wednesday from 4 - 5 p.m.**

# Chess Tournament

**March 1 at 9 a.m. in the Enlisted Club**

*The tournament players will be divided into 5 categories:*  
 Youth 6 - 8 years   Youth 9 - 12 years   Youth 13 - 15 years  
 Youth 16 - 18 years   Active Duty Air Force Member

*DoD civilians, contractors, spouses, retirees and family members are all eligible to compete*

**Deadline to sign up is Feb. 29 at noon.**  
**To sign up, call Sharon Rector at 652-6508**





Solution to puzzle on page 9.

**Randolph Field Independent School District**  
**Exhibit C-2**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in**  
**Fund Balances - Governmental funds**

| Data Control Codes   | 10<br>General Fund | Capital Projects Funds | Other Governmental Funds | 98<br>Total Governmental Funds |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>  |                    |                        |                          |                                |
| 5700 Local and intermediate sources                            | \$ 489,075         | \$ 61,454              | \$ 390,224               | \$ 940,753                     |
| 5800 State program revenues                                    | 594,892            | -                      | 63,159                   | 6,011,051                      |
| 5900 Federal program revenues                                  | 724,143            | 755,586                | 200,824                  | 8,203,553                      |
| 5020 Total revenues  | 13,684,110         | 817,040                | 654,207                  | 15,155,357                     |
| <b>Expenditures</b>  |                    |                        |                          |                                |
| <b>Current:</b>  |                    |                        |                          |                                |
| 0011 Instruction   | 6,186,984          | 288,095                | 148,587                  | 6,623,666                      |
| 0012 Instructional resources and media services                | 465,744            | -                      | -                        | 465,744                        |
| 0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development            | 209,019            | -                      | 19,353                   | 228,372                        |
| 0023 School leadership   | 515,561            | -                      | -                        | 515,561                        |
| 0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services             | 475,880            | -                      | -                        | 475,880                        |
| 0033 Health services   | 118,695            | -                      | -                        | 118,695                        |
| 0034 Student (pupil) transportation                            | 250,021            | -                      | -                        | 250,021                        |
| 0035 Food services   | -                  | -                      | 386,822                  | 386,822                        |
| 0036 Co-curricular and extracurricular activities              | 436,690            | -                      | 39,039                   | 475,729                        |
| 0041 General administration                                    | 694,215            | -                      | -                        | 694,215                        |
| 0051 Plant maintenance and operations                          | 1,226,259          | 45,043                 | -                        | 1,271,302                      |
| 0053 Data processing services                                  | 195,738            | 208,006                | -                        | 403,744                        |
| 0071 Principal on long-term debt                               | 227,828            | -                      | -                        | 227,828                        |
| 0172 Interest on long-term debt                                | 75,521             | -                      | -                        | 75,521                         |
| 0081 Facilities acquisition and construction                   | -                  | 1,140,762              | -                        | 1,140,762                      |
| 0093 Payments related to shared services arrangement           | 276,192            | -                      | -                        | 276,192                        |
| 6030 Total expenditures  | 11,354,347         | 1,681,906              | 593,801                  | 13,630,054                     |
| 1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | 2,329,763          | (864,866)              | 60,406                   | 1,525,303                      |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>                          |                    |                        |                          |                                |
| 7915 Operating transfers in                                    | -                  | 828,000                | -                        | 828,000                        |
| 8911 Operating transfers out                                   | (828,000)          | -                      | -                        | (828,000)                      |
| 7080 Total other financing sources (uses)                      | (828,000)          | 828,000                | -                        | -                              |
| 1200 Net change in fund balances                               | 1,501,763          | (36,866)               | 60,406                   | 1,525,303                      |
| 0100 Fund balances at beginning of year                        | 7,715,431          | 1,149,108              | 53,366                   | 8,897,905                      |
| 3000 Fund balances at end of year                              | \$ 9,217,194       | \$ 1,112,242           | \$ 93,772                | \$ 10,423,208                  |



## WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT JUST  
WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ...

IF YOU NEED A WINGMAN THE BASE CHAPLAIN,  
THE LIFE SKILLS COUNSELORS, AND THE PEOPLE  
AT 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) ARE READY TO HELP.

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